

## WORLD'S RECORD FOR COTTON.

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crop than on any other grades of land. In other words, Mr. Caughman believes that land built up under scientific methods will produce more and better crops than land which produces well by the natural soil of the earth.

But to get back to the main story, the story of the wonderful development of this acre of land which has made its owner the most famous man on earth so far as growing cotton is concerned, his own story, from the time he began to cultivate and improve this land nine years ago down to the present time:

## Tells How It Was Done.

"The first year I planted this acre of land in corn, and I did not get more than five bushels to the acre. Naturally I felt discouraged, for I had been accustomed to growing at least twenty-five bushels to the acre off the red land," says Mr. Caughman. "While I felt discouraged, I did not give up; I was determined to make an experiment to see just what could be accomplished. I felt that I did not know how to cultivate sandy land in order to get the best results.

"The second year, however, I did better. The land was planted in corn again, and I fertilized pretty heavy, broadcasting the land with a heavy coat of rough home-made manure, and I gathered twenty-five bushels of corn the second year.

"The third year I broadcasted the land with a heavy cover of rough manure and planted it in cotton. After broadcasting with this fertilizer I turned it under with a large two-horse 'Dixie Boy,' going to the bottom. I planted the cotton in three and a half rows, with a distance of about twenty inches in the drill. I gathered about a bale and one-half of cotton. I used but little commercial fertilizer, I have forgotten just the exact amount.

"The fourth year I broadcasted the land again and broke the ground deeper than before. I used 1,500 pounds of commercial fertilizer, including a second application of 150 pounds of nitrate soda. I planted the acre in corn about the 1st of April, laying off the rows four feet wide and giving the stalks a distance of from eight to ten inches in the drill. I made a yield, by actual measurement, of 76 1-2 bushels.

## Two Bales Fifth Year.

"The fifth year I went back to cotton, broadcasting the ground with a heavy application of rough stable manure, then breaking the ground as deep as two mules could pull a 'Dixie Boy,' deeper than ever before. I used seven two-horse loads of the rough manure and applied 1,500 pounds of commercial fertilizer, mixing meal, acid, kainit and high-grade in about equal parts, putting it in the drill. A light application of nitrate of soda was used. I planted the cotton, using the Taylor variety, about the middle of April. The rows were five feet wide, and I thinned it down to three feet in the drill. In my opinion, or it has been my experience at least, that cotton requires much greater distance than corn. The fifth year I gathered two bales—or one thousand pounds of lint.

"The sixth year I planted the acre in corn, broadcasting rough manure as before, turning this under deeper than before, and I used 1,000 pounds of commercial fertilizer, equal parts as stated above, applying this after the corn had reached a size of about two feet. I used a second application of nitrate of soda, but the drought came and I only made a yield of forty bushels.

"The seventh year I prepared the ground for cotton, the only difference in the preparation being I did not broadcast the home-made fertilizer, but put it in the drill together with 500 pounds of acid, and applied 100 pounds of nitrate of soda about the time the stalks began to mature. I gathered a little over two bales.

"The eighth year—last year, when it is said I broke the world's record—I followed my previous plans of preparation, again placed all fertilizer in the drill, seven loads, two-horse loads, of rough manure and 500 pounds of high grade acid being used, and applied nitrate of soda in about the same quantity as in previous years. The cotton was planted about the middle of April in the 'Cook' variety, the rows being about five feet wide and the plants three to four feet in distance. I gathered four and a half bales of cotton—actual lint cotton. Last year I 'topped' or 'clipped' a part of the field, which if I had not done I would have made a larger yield. Last year I would have made at least a bale more had it not been for the boll rot, everyone who saw it conceded.

## Expects Five Bales.

"This year, the ninth of my experience in farming on sandy land, I naturally have tried to do my best. I prepared the ground as in former years, breaking the ground deeper than I ever broke it before. I used the same amount of rough manure in the drill and the same amount of acid, this being the only commercial

fertilizer used except the second, when I used 150 pounds of nitrate of soda in the middle of the rows about the middle of June, when the seasons were right. In this connection I must say that to get the best results from soda it must be applied at the right time—when the ground is damp enough to take up the strength of the soda. I used 50 pounds more soda this year than last, and the results have been most satisfactory. I consider it the most effective commercial fertilizer made. I planted the middle of April, using the 'Cook' variety again. I thinned the plants down to six feet rows and five feet in the drill. The stalks are about five and six feet high now. I don't know just how much I will gather this year. The boll rot has damaged it considerably, far more than last year. I have picked so far about four bales off this acre, and I feel satisfied that had it not been for the disease, or boll rot, I would have gathered 3,000 pounds of lint. As it is, I believe I will get five bales."

Thus ends the story of the famous acre patch. It is located right in the heart of town, not over one hundred yards from Main street, in the rear of the champion's pretty little cottage on North Main.

But there is another thing in connection with this field which will doubtless prove of interest in connection with this review. It is one of the most important connected with the improvement of the field, in the opinion of its owner. Before the crop each year has been gathered Mr. Caughman has sown the land in rye. This is used as a pasture for stock, and a great deal of it is cut for feed. Late out in the spring this is turned under, and Mr. Caughman is of the opinion that it has had as much to do with bringing the land up to its present high state of cultivation as anything else.

Mr. Caughman now has the opportunity of his life to make a small fortune by selling the seed at fancy prices, but he is too honest to fool anybody. He says he does not expect to sell a single pound of the seed for the reason that they are infected with anthracnose, or boll rot, and he himself does not intend to plant any of the seed. Hundreds of farmers from every section of the country have put in their orders for seed, but not one of them will be supplied unless they are willing to run the risk of the possibility of spreading anthracnose, or boll rot, into their sections.

## Is a Confederate Veteran.

The champion cotton grower of the world is nearly 69 years of age. He served with distinction throughout the War Between the Sections, being among the first to enlist in Capt. W. D. Harmon's company, but at the end of the war he was a member of his brother's company, Capt. P. H. Caughman. He saw service on many a battlefield, and there is not a more ardent or a more enthusiastic veteran in the State. He is a brother of Banks L. Caughman, of Columbia, former railroad commissioner, and of James Caughman, of this county. In his quiet and unassuming way he has always taken an interest in the affairs of his county and State, and has never been found wanting when duty called.

He is the father of six children, two sons and four daughters. He has never made any pretensions of show. Even now he is as modest as the most modest. He wears his honors with that characteristic spirit which has ever been a leading mark of his make-up. He is as honest as the noonday sun and as true as steel. He does not consider that he has performed any great feat. He is firm in the belief that what he has done others can accomplish with the same effort. "I am certain that anybody else can do the same thing if they try," is the way he expresses it. "If I have performed any great act—anything that will help the future generation—I shall be satisfied; and now that I have given you the whole story, I hope that you will publish it in full so that I may be relieved of the trouble and expense of giving it to those who have already written me as well as to those who will write me after this is published. Just say, in conclusion, that I expect to make an effort next year to break all former records, for I believe it can be done," he concluded his interview.

The field is open for inspection, and those who have any reason to doubt this story may see for themselves, and it will pay any man, any farmer, to travel a day's journey to see what Mr. Caughman has accomplished.

Those who cannot come to Lexington will possibly have an opportunity to see the cotton on the screen, as it will probably be shown in every moving picture establishment throughout the country.—D. R. Hattiwanger, in News and Courier.

## A Mutual Friend.

Bobby—Dad, what is a mutual friend?

Mr. Fogg—He is generally one who makes it his business to see that you don't miss hearing the nasty things your neighbors say about you.

## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Denmark, Denmark, S. C., is called, to meet in the office of the said bank, Friday, November 12th, 1915, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the purpose of increasing the capital stock of the said bank to \$50,000.00, by order of the board of directors.

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All persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years of age, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar.

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I will receive the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1915, until the 1st day of March, 1916.

G. A. JENNINGS,  
Treasurer Bamberg County.

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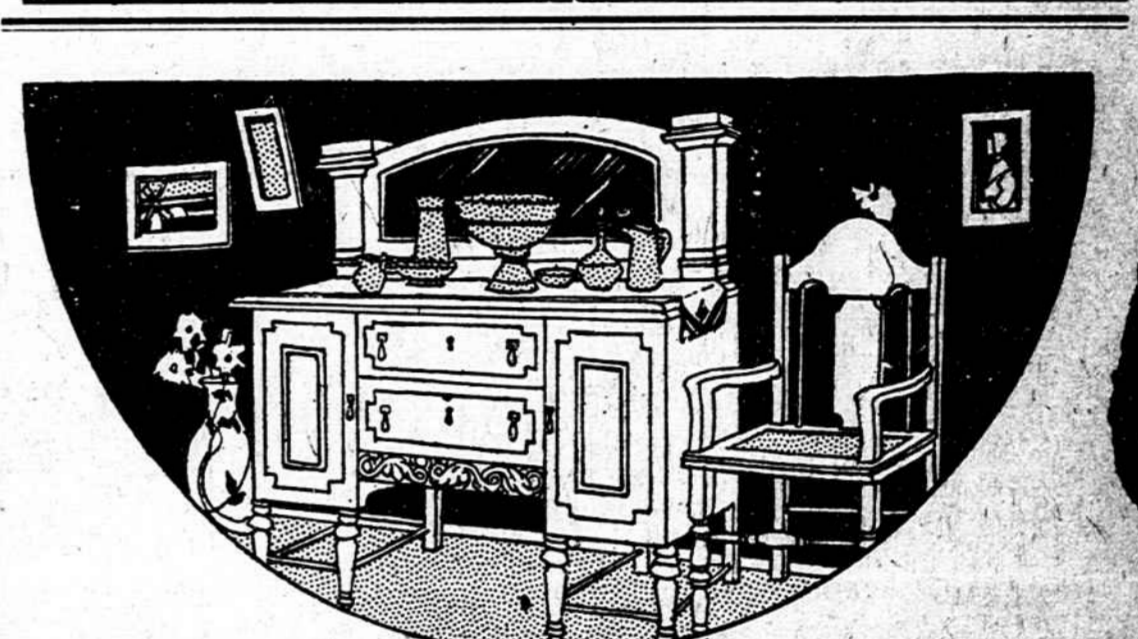
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